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This and That About People and Things in Washington.

## AT THE HOME OF MR. HEARST

Senator McConnell's Brief Career Not an Arid Waste—Things That Sanders and Power Will Think About When at Home.

Staff Correspondence of the Standard.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—It is not often that so many expressions of sincere regret follow the announcement of the death of a man in public life as have followed the demise of Senator Hearst. He was well liked in Washington. His manner was unusually quiet, he was rather quaint in speech and extremely modest under all circumstances. At the same time those who became acquainted with Senator Hearst liked him without knowing exactly why, and his old-time friends were always ready to swear by him. It is not now known what the future plans of Mrs. Hearst will be. There is no more attractive home in Washington than the one over which she has presided. More costly and imposing residences there are here, but none with more tasteful surroundings or in which hospitality has been more graciously dispensed. The senator's residence passes for one of the handsomest in the city. It occupies a commanding position on a triangular plot overlooking one of Washington's attractive little parks. The walls of the building were up when the senator bought the property. They were as unsightly things as were ever reared and an uncouth roof covered them. The senator's architect revolutionized all this and, in external appearance, the house is a model in its way while its spacious interior includes room after room fitted in the extreme of refined taste.

There is every prospect that Montana's alleged senators will go home not the best of friends. That is, of course, a matter about which no one is likely to be a great deal moved, but it is at present interesting people here to a small degree, and it may come to something more when Colonel Sanders and Commodore Power come back here next winter to take up the cudgels that an adjournment will lead them to lay aside. It was all about that everlasting postmaster'ship at Helena, as you may imagine. There had been a row impending ever since Mr. Walker came down here. I wired you regarding Power's absence from the senate when the vote on the confirmation of Clewell was taken. It was eminently characteristic of him. If he had beaten Sanders the senate chamber would hardly be large enough to accommodate Power comfortably next winter.

Washington was crowded with women who attended the Women's National council and the meetings of the Women's National Suffrage association. The council was supposed to eschew politics and content itself with the consideration of topics touching the material and moral welfare of the people, and particularly the women people. But a wild, weird

woman from Kansas broke out in the meeting on Wednesday night, and she gave Ingalls such a scolding as he has not heard outside of his own state. She was hissed as well as cheered, but being a plucky orator, she went on and then thanked the audience for its cheers and hisses. The burden of her speech was that the women had it in for Ingalls in the campaign of last fall, and that his defeat was one of the results they looked for to come out of the fight, in case the alliance, which she represented, was successful. Several years ago, when Ingalls considered the republican party of Kansas too strong to be defeated under any circumstances, and when he was moved to say something very ugly about the women who were beginning to agitate suffrage, he declared that the advocates of woman suffrage were "the capons and the epicures of society, the unsexed of both sexes." The women remembered. Now Ingalls may recall that old line about nothing being more terrible than a woman scorned.

Senator McConnell, who will go out of the senate on March 3, has just made a strong speech on Pacific railroads, and it is going out in large numbers. He has also made good use of his brief time here to become well acquainted, and he has been generally voted a good fellow. After the meeting of the Gridiron club, on February 7, when he was one of the guests at the dinner, he invited a large party to Chamberlin's and initiated all members of the club and their guests alike, into the Independent Order of Grangers, and the initiation was followed with a drench of champagne that would have made the arid regions glad. Some of the senators who have been talking with McConnell in the cloak room are surprised to find that he has been a resident of many states, and has been almost everywhere that it is worth while to go. He does not think much of his wanderings. There are lots of men just like him, he tells the wondering senators, out in his good country. They want to know the land they live in, and as it will not come to them, they go to it.

It didn't take Secretary Foster very long to become pretty familiarly known about the city. He is not at all exclusive, as most cabinet officers are apt to be. Quite to the contrary, it is easy to run against him almost any evening at one or two of the leading hotels in town. The secretary rapidly renewed a good many pleasant acquaintances originally formed when he was congressman. He is cordial with everybody and quite inclined to surrender himself to a cosy chat. A good deal of nonsense was talked when Secretary Foster was first appointed, several people with short memories claiming that, being in the Standard Oil company and other corporations, he was barred as, under President Grant, A. T. Stewart was barred. Of course, there is all the difference in the world. Mr. Stewart was ineligible because he was a large importer of dutiable goods.

There has been mourning on some of the public buildings all winter. First the department of justice hung up black for ex-Attorney General Devens. While that was up the death of Secretary Windom occurred, and the treasury was draped. Then came the death of General Sherman, and that put all of the departments in mourning. Before the funeral of Gen-

eral Sherman was quite over, Senator Wilson of Maryland, died, and yesterday the laborers about the senate were putting up black stuff about the doors of the chamber. This public mourning is so surely to be expected that there is always a stock of mourning goods, new and second hand, in the care of the janitors of the buildings. Much of it is, however, wasted or lost, and there is always a new expense to be incurred in replenishing it. One of these days this will be reformed. It will happen that a plain notice or a permanent badge of modest dimensions will be supplied to be put out at the departments, just as a warning signal is displayed on a railroad, or a contagion flag shown at a house in which there is smallpox, and the necessity for employing a professional mourning decorator will be avoided. To the employees of the department death is not so unbearable a calamity—if it do not fall upon them. It always gives them a holiday. And they always take it and use it in pleasure. E. G. D.

## JAY GOULD IN CONTEMPT.

The Wizard of Wall Street Fails to Answer a Summons.

NEW YORK, March 7.—When the name of "Jay Gould" was called out by the clerk in the general sessions of the court in the court room turned, expecting to see the Wizard of Wall street, but were disappointed. Mr. Gould, who had been summoned for jury duty, did not respond, and, no one appearing to offer an excuse for his absence, Judge Martine then ordered his name placed on the fine list.

Mr. Gould's failure to respond to his name when called is a contempt of court, and is punishable by a fine of \$100 and in such other way as the court in its discretion may deem right and proper, depending upon the seriousness of the offense. Mr. Gould's name was called as a juror in the same court for the June term of 1890. He failed to respond. Judge Fitzgerald promptly fined him \$100, which was not collected until six months later.

According to the records of the court, Mr. Gould has been summoned as a juror a great many times during the past twenty years, but none of the officers of the court can remember ever seeing him in the building.

"If the court has reason to believe that a person who habitually absents himself from jury duty when he is summoned is guilty of willful contempt," said Judge Martine to-day, "it has power to bring such person before it and impose a penalty much more severe than ordinary fine. Such contempt of court would be a serious matter for the offender. In the present case I shall only order a fine to be imposed, and any other proceedings that may be taken in the case will be a matter for future consideration. I am sitting for Judge Cowing at present and may confer with him in regard to the matter."

## Had Its Haratoga.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"I read that a cyclone in Kansas lifted up a large tree and carried it two miles," remarked Mrs. Shattuck. "The tree was equipped for traveling, I suppose," replied Shattuck. "I don't know what you mean." "I mean that it took its trunk with it."

## The President's Hunting Trip.

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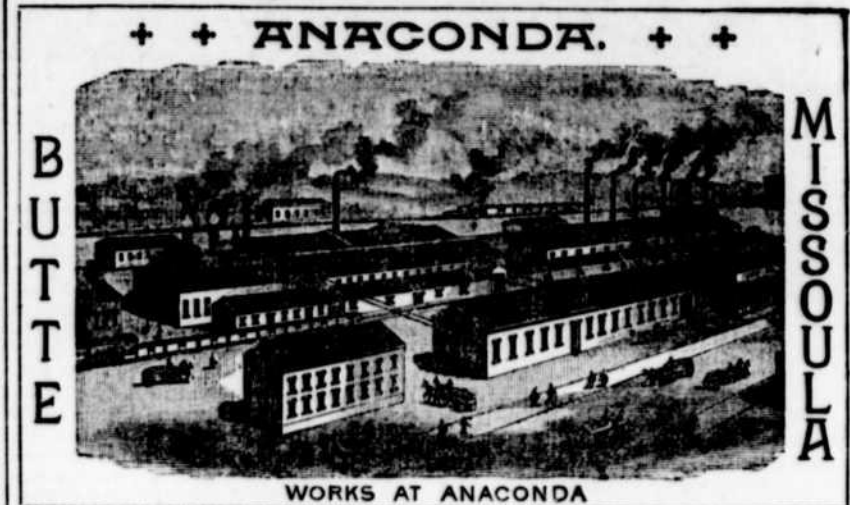
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